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(U) Los Angeles – Man Charged with Attempted Murder in LAPD Police Station Shooting

(U) Jose Cerpa Guzman, 29, has been charged with trying to kill two Los Angeles Police Department officers at the LAPD's Harbor Station in San Pedro on Saturday night, prosecutors said Monday. Guzman is set to be arraigned at the Long Beach courthouse on two counts each of attempted murder and assault with a firearm, along with one count each of second-degree robbery, evading and resisting an officer, according to the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office. Investigators say it's not clear why Guzman showed up at the Harbor Station or how he was able to get into the front lobby.

SOURCE: 29 September 2020, [CBS LA](#)

(U) San Francisco – Russian Hacker Sentenced for 2012 LinkedIn Data Breach

(U) A federal judge yesterday sentenced convicted Russian hacker Yevgeniy Nikulin to 88-months in prison for stealing more than 100 million user credentials from LinkedIn, Dropbox, and Formspring databases in 2012. In 2016, he was arrested in Prague, where he spent two-years awaiting extradition to the US to face nine criminal counts of computer intrusion, causing damage to a protected computer, aggravated identity theft, trafficking and conspiracy. A jury convicted him of all counts in July but found the government did not present enough evidence to prove that he committed the Dropbox and Formspring hacks for financial gain.

SOURCE: 29 September 2020, [Courthouse News Service](#)

(U) NATIONAL

(U) Washington – Microsoft Reports Spike in Foreign Targeting of COVID-19 Researchers

(U) Redmond – Microsoft said yesterday it had seen a major spike in foreign efforts to target US public policy groups and organizations involved in COVID-19 research, marking a shift from previous cyber attempts to disrupt critical infrastructure. Tom Burt, corporate vice president of consumer security and trust at Microsoft, warned in a blog post detailing Microsoft's Digital Defense Report that "threat actors have rapidly increased in sophistication over the past year, using techniques that make them harder to spot and that threaten even the savviest targets." The report found that countries like Russia were now focusing on non-governmental organizations, human rights groups, think tanks, colleges and universities, and other groups involved in public policy.

SOURCE: 29 September 2020, [The Hill](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) France – Authorities Arrest 29 in Cryptocurrency Scheme to Finance Terrorism

(U) Paris – French police arrested 29 people around the country yesterday in a vast operation to break a complex scheme financing Islamist extremists in Syria through the use of cryptocurrencies. A statement from the anti-terrorism prosecutor's office said search warrants are out for the two main figures in the scheme, French jihadis who have likely been in northwest Syria since 2013 and are suspected of creating "the architecture of this network of terrorism financing." They were identified only as Mesut S. and

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Walid F., both 25 years old, and suspected of being members of al-Qa'ida affiliated Hayat Tahrir Al-Sham. They were both convicted in France in 2016 and sentenced in absentia to 10-year prison terms. The 29 people detained for questioning are aged 22 to 66. Most of them are suspected of injecting funds into the network.

SOURCE: 29 September 2020, [Associated Press](#)

(U) Mexico – Cartel Member Linked to Murder of Nine Americans

(U) Nuevo Casas Grandes – The Mexican government is linking another reputed member of the La Linea drug cartel to the murder of nine American citizens in November 2019 in Sonora. Jesus Parra Renteria is being charged with organized criminal activity. He's being held in a jail in Nuevo Casas Grandes while the investigation into the massacre of three women and six children continues, the Mexican Attorney General's Office said yesterday. Parra would be the 11th suspect linked to the massacre. Mexican President Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador last week said 10 other suspects have been arrested in connection with the killings, though it's not clear what their exact role was or when they will be going to trial. All of the suspects are believed to be linked to La Linea, a remnant of the old Juarez cartel.

SOURCE: 29 September 2020, [Border Report](#)

(U) Turkey – Authorities Arrest 13 ISIS Members

(U) Istanbul – A total of 13 people with suspected links to the Islamic State in Iraq and ash-Sham (ISIS) were arrested in Turkey, security sources said today. The suspects, who entered Turkey through illegal means and were active in Syria and Iraq, were apprehended in simultaneous operations by anti-terror teams in Istanbul, according to Turkish government sources. A number of documents and digital materials was also seized.

SOURCE: 30 September 2020, [Anadolu Agency](#)

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